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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
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IN RE:) Case No. 4 : 20 - x r - 90540 - KAW
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REQUEST FROM VIETNAM FOR) Application for Order Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3512
ASSISTANCE IN A SMUGGLING) for Appointment of Commissioner to Execute Foreign
INVESTIGATION.) Legal Assistance Request

The United States is seeking an Order appointing Assistant United States Attorney Maureen C. Bessette to be a Commissioner to collect evidence requested by Vietnam (“the Request”) and to seek other Orders, as needed, to execute the Request, as authorized by 18 U.S.C. § 3512.¹ The Court has authority pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3512 and the Court’s own inherent authority to appoint Assistant U.S. Attorney Bessette as Commissioner to take such actions as are required to execute the above-captioned request.

DATED: April 28, 2020

Respectfully submitted,

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¹ The United States does not have a Mutual Legal Assistance Treaty with Vietnam but seeks to respond to Vietnam’s request pursuant to the principle of reciprocity.